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Dear Mr. Miller:

The USDA Forest Service On-Scene Coordinator for the historical Ross-Adams Uranium Mine (Site), Michael Wilcox, approves the final Site Characterization Report (SCR) as a deliverable per the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (ASAOC) for an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis signed by Denny Bschor, Regional Forester, on April 17, 2009.

The SCR provides detailed physical, chemical, and radiological conditions of the Site. Comments to you regarding draft versions of the SCR have been addressed in the electronic version provided December 6, 2010. The comments included written and verbal input from the Forest Service (Region 10), Environmental Protection Agency, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Organized Village of Kasaan.

I concur with Michael's approval of the final SCR and appreciate the progress made per the ASAOC.

Sincerely,

SAM CARLSON, P.E.
Director of Engineering

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